



Memorandum

To: **Honorable Mayor Seei and the Frisco City Council**
Thr: **George Purefoy**, City Manager
From: **Jason Gray**, Assistant to the City Manager
CC: Fire Chief Mack Borchardt
Assistant Fire Chief Don Fernandez
Date: 12/15/2000
Re: NFPA 13 and NFPA 13R

In an effort to further increase the fire suppression standards in hotels, motels, and multi-family buildings, the Frisco Fire Department has proposed an ordinance which adopts the NFPA 13 and 13R "Installation of Sprinkler Systems" standards. Chief Fernandez has attached a memo explaining some of the proposed changes for your review.

The proposed ordinances have been reviewed and approved as to form by the City Attorney.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, if I can be of any assistance, please contact me at 972-335-5551 x125 or by email at atcm@ci.frisco.tx.us.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FRISCO, ADOPTING THE NFPA 13, 1999 EDITION "INSTALLATION OF SPRINKLER SYSTEMS" PUBLISHED BY THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION, AN INTERNATIONAL CODES AND STANDARDS ORGANIZATION, PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND REPEALING CLAUSES; PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE CAPTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Frisco, Texas ("City Council") has investigated and determined that it would be advantageous and beneficial to the citizens of the City of Frisco, Texas ("Frisco") to adopt the NFPA 13, 1999 Edition "Installation of Sprinkler Systems", published by the National Fire Protection Association, an International Codes and Standards Organization ("NFPA 13").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRISCO, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: Frisco adopts NFPA 13, including Appendices A, B, C, D and E and the additional requirements as set forth below: Three (3) copies of NFPA 13 are on file in the Office of the City Secretary of Frisco being marked and designated as NFPA 13, 1999 Edition "Installation of Sprinkler Systems", published by the National Fire Protection Association, an International Codes and Standards Organization.

SECTION 2: Frisco adopts the following additional requirements as set forth below. All references to a Section refer to the applicable section in NFPA 13.

A. Section 3-9.2 Fire Department connections shall be equipped with listed metal threaded caps properly secured and arranged for easy removal by fire departments.

B. Section 3-10.3.1 An alarm unit shall include a listed mechanical alarm. No electrically operated appliance shall be used.

C. Section 5-13.6.1 Sidewall spray sprinkler shall be installed at the bottom of each elevator hoistway not more than (2) two feet above the floor of the pit. No exceptions.

D. Section 5-13.6.3 Upright or pendent spray sprinklers shall be installed at the top of elevator hoistways. No exceptions.

E. Section 5-13.8.1 Sprinklers shall be installed under exterior roofs or canopies exceeding four (4) feet in width. No exceptions.

F. Section 5-13.9.1 Sprinklers are required in all bathrooms regardless of construction type and or size.

G. Section 5-13.9.2 Sprinklers are required in all clothes closets, linen closets, and pantries within dwelling units in hotels and motels regardless or size or construction type.

H. Section 5-14.1.1.3 Valves on connections to water supplies, sectional control and isolation valves, and other valves in supply pipes to sprinklers and other fixed water-based fire suppression systems shall be supervised by one of the following methods.

- i. Central station, proprietary, or remote station signaling service.
- ii. Local signaling service that will cause the sounding of an audible signal at a constantly attended point.
- iii. No other exceptions.

SECTION 3: Any person, firm, corporation or business entity violating this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined any sum not exceeding Two-Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00). Each continuing day's violation under this Ordinance shall constitute a separate offense. The penal provisions imposed under this Ordinance shall not preclude Frisco from filing suit to enjoin the violation. Frisco retains all legal rights and remedies available to it pursuant to local, state and federal law.

SECTION 4: All provisions of any ordinance in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed; but such repeal shall not abate any pending prosecution for violation of the repealed ordinance, nor shall the repeal prevent a prosecution from being commenced for any violation if occurring prior to the repeal of the ordinance.

SECTION 5: Should any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, it is expressly provided that any and all remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect. Frisco hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, clause or phase thereof regardless of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, and phrases be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION 6: The caption of this Ordinance shall be published in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and in compliance with the City Charter of Frisco, and shall be effective immediately upon its passage and publication.

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DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRISCO,
TEXAS, on this _____ day of _____ 2000.

KATHLEEN A. SEEI, Mayor

ATTESTED AND CORRECTLY
RECORDED:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

NAN PARKER
City Secretary

ABERNATHY, ROEDER, BOYD
& JOPLIN, P.C.
City Attorney

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